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## **EPA Improves Guidance for Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs Cleanup**

**WASHINGTON** – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today updated its guidance on how to properly clean up a broken compact fluorescent lamp (CFL). Included with the guidance is a new consumer brochure with CFL recycling and cleanup tips. EPA encourages Americans to use CFLs for residential lighting to save energy and prevent greenhouse gas emissions that lead to global climate change.

CFLs contain a small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing. When a CFL breaks, some of the mercury is released as vapor and may pose potential health risks. The guidance and brochure will provide simple, user friendly directions to help prevent and reduce exposure to people from mercury pollution.

More information on the clean up guidance: <http://www.epa.gov/cflcleanup>

More information on CFLs: [www.epa.gov/cfl](http://www.epa.gov/cfl)

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